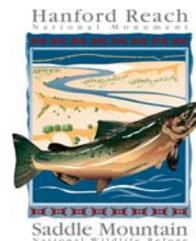




Hanford Reach National Monument



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife 2006 Hunting Regulations

Big game hunting on the Monument is only allowed on the Wahluke Unit in Game Management Units (GMU) 278 and 379. Please consult the Washington Big Game Hunting Pamphlet for regulations and GMU information.

MODERN, CENTER-FIRE RIFLES AND ALL HANDGUNS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE MONUMENT.

Modern Firearm (Shotgun Only)

White-tailed Deer: October 14-22 — GMU 278 - Any Buck; GMU 379 - Any White-tailed Deer
Mule Deer: October 14-22 — GMU 278 - 3-Point Minimum; GMU 379 - Any Mule Deer

Archery

White-tailed Deer: September 1-30 — GMU 278 & GMU 379 - Any White-tailed Deer
White-tailed Deer: November 20 - December 8 — GMU 278 - Any White-tailed Deer
Mule Deer: September 1-30 — GMU 379 - Any Mule Deer
Mule Deer: September 1-15 — GMU 278 - 3-Point Minimum
Mule Deer: September 16-30 — GMU 278 - 3-Point Minimum or Antlerless
Mule Deer: November 20 - December 8 — GMU 278 - 3-Point Minimum or Antlerless

Muzzleloader

White-tailed Deer: October 7-13 — GMU 278 - Any Buck; GMU 379 - Any White-tailed Deer
White-tailed Deer: November 20 - December 8 — GMU 379 - Any White-tailed Deer
Mule Deer: October 7-13 — GMU 278 - 3-Point Minimum or Antlerless; GMU 379 - Any Mule Deer
Mule Deer: November 20 - December 8 — GMU 379 - Any Mule Deer

Elk (Archery, Muzzleloader, Shotgun Only)

Specified Tag Holders (EA, EM, EF): October 28 - November 15 — GMU 278 & GMU 379 - Any Elk

Elk Hunting GMU 372 & Elk Area 3722 (Adjacent to the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve) (Modern Firearm)

September 9-22: Antlerless
October 28 - November 5: Any Elk

Special Provisions

- 1) Elk cannot be hunted with modern firearms within 1/2-mile of the Columbia River in GMU 379 in Grant County.
- 2) No hunting is allowed on the Columbia River, river islands, the Benton County shoreline below the high water mark, and river peninsulas in Benton County from the Vernita Bridge to the old Hanford Townsite powerline crossing (wooden powerline towers).
- 3) The majority of GMU 372 is private land, and access is extremely limited. Landowner permission is required to hunt private lands.
- 4) The ALE, McGee Ranch/Riverlands and Saddle Mountain Units are **CLOSED** to public entry. We do not allow retrievals.

Please call our office if you have any questions: (509) 371-1801

Waterfowl/Upland Game Hunting

Non-toxic shot is required for ALL bird hunting (upland and waterfowl) on the Monument. Please consult the Washington State Migratory Waterfowl & Upland Game Pamphlet for all regulations, restrictions and bag limits.

Ducks	September 23-24 (Youth Hunt Only) — 7 Ducks, 14 In Possession October 14-18 and October 21-January 28 — 7 Ducks, 14 In Possession
Coots	Same As Duck Season (Including Youth Hunt) — 25 Coots
Snipe	Same As Duck Season (Except No Youth Hunt) — 8 Snipe, 16 In Possession
Geese	September 9-10 — 3 Geese (Canada), 6 In Possession; September 23-24 (Youth Hunt Only) — 4 Geese (Canada), 8 In Possession; October 14-16; Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday Only October 21 - January 21; November 10, 23 and 24; December 25, 26, 28 and 29; January 1 and 15; January 22-28 — 4 Geese, 8 In Possession
Pheasant	September 23-24 (Youth Hunt Only) — 3 Roosters (Only), 6 In Possession October 21 - January 15 — 3 Roosters (Only), 6 In Possession
Quail	September 23-24 (Youth Hunt Only) — 10 Quail (Mixed Bag), 20 In Possession October 7 - January 15 — 10 Quail (Mixed Bag), 30 In Possession
Partridge	September 23-24 (Youth Hunt Only) — 6 Chukar & 6 Gray, 18 Chukar & 18 Gray In Possession October 7 - January 15 — 6 Chukar & 6 Gray, 18 Chukar & 18 Gray In Possession
Mourning Dove .	September 1-15 — 10 Doves, 20 In Possession



Firearms

Only those used for that particular hunting season are allowed. Handguns, rifles, airguns (BB guns), etc., are not allowed anywhere on the Monument. During hunting season, those that are allowed must be cased and/or dismantled when not in use. Per Department of Energy restrictions, center-fire firearms are not allowed

Closed Areas

The Arid Lands Ecology Reserve, McGee Ranch/Riverlands and Saddle Mountain Units are closed to all public access.

Islands between the Vernita Bridge to the wooden (towers) powerline crossing, north of the Ringold area, are closed to all public uses, including hunting. Three islands administered by the USFWS within river miles 343-351 (shown at left) are open to waterfowl hunting in accordance with WDFW hunting seasons and are closed to all public uses the rest of the year.

The river corridor from the Vernita Bridge to the wooden (towers) powerline crossing is closed to waterfowl hunting from the river to 1/4-mile inland.

Other Provisions

Coyote, cottontail rabbit, crow and raccoon hunting; falconry; and all trapping are prohibited. Please see statewide regulations for other closures.

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